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Is now showing a remarkably smart line in SEMI-TRIMM HATS, suitable for present season's wear. Prices from \$4.50 to \$9.50.
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Hongkong, July 22, 1908.

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Hongkong, July 18, 1908.

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Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.
Hongkong, July 17, 1908.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$2.00 per Share for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1908, will be payable on the 29th instant, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 22nd inst. to WEDNESDAY, 29th instant, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.
General Agents for The West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, July 14, 1908.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$3.50 per Share for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1908, will be payable on the 29th instant, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.
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For BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK CO.,
CONNELL BROS. COMPANY, Sole Representatives in Hongkong.
Hongkong, July 14, 1908.

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LAUNCHES FOR SALE, HIRE, OR CHARTER.
For Picnic, Shooting, Bathing Parties, Towing, &c.
Launches for Hire, lying off Blake Pier during the day.
For the convenience of our clients the Office will also be open on Sunday from 9 to 11 a.m.
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GORDON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, June 1, 1908.

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Sole Agents.
Hongkong, December 12, 1907.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

NO. 492.—With reference to Government Notification No. 881 of 9th December, 1904, which is hereby cancelled, it is notified that on and after the 1st JANUARY 1909, the Fee (payable monthly) at QUEEN'S COLLEGE, will be as under:—
Classes I, II and III.....\$48 per annum.
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F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
Hongkong, July 18, 1908.

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Hongkong, August 9, 1907.

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Hongkong, January 24, 1908.

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Round Trip 4 Days.
Comfortable Steamers—Delightful Climate. THE most interesting and picturesque scenery in South China.
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FOR THE BATH AND ALL TOILET PURPOSES.

Delicately Perfumed. Half pint bottles, 60 cents.

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C. F. FRIBORN, Manager.

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Hongkong, June 17, 1908.

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Our Prices are marked in plain figures.

Hongkong, September 23, 1907.

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Arish "Mixture," Mild, Med.

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Crown, Broad Cut

Black Cat

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State Express 45s. 25s. of 25,

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LARGE SELECTION OF PRESENTATION PLATE, CUPS, BOWLS, ETC.
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Hongkong, March 2, 1908

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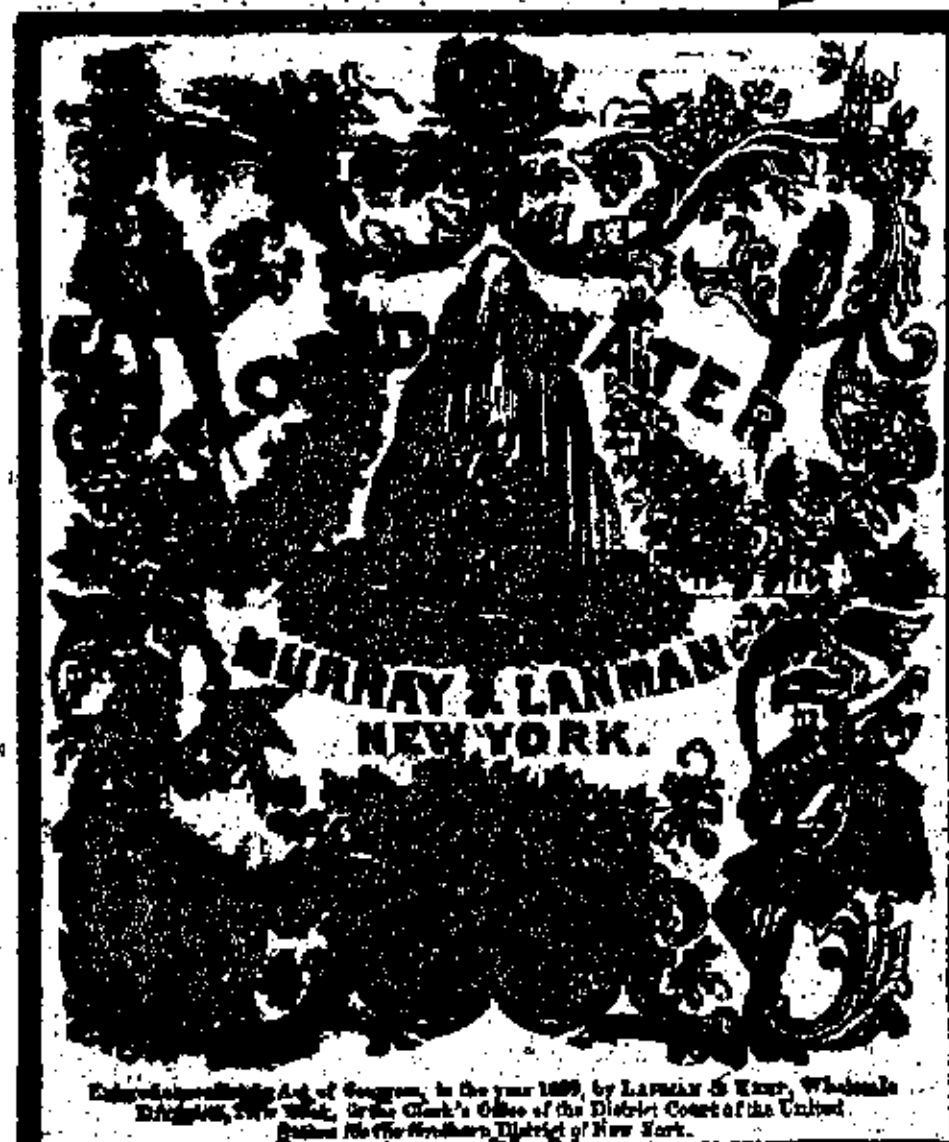


Shewan Tomes & Co.
GENERAL AGENTS
For
HONG KONG, CANTON
& MACAO.

Hongkong, January 27, 1908



Facsimile of label round neck
of bottle.

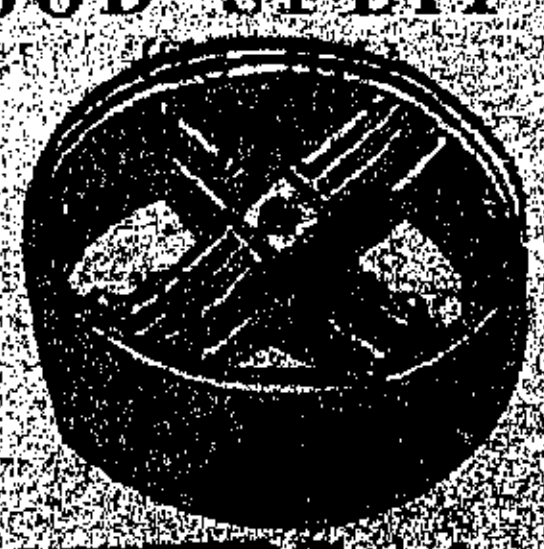


Be careful that THIS LABEL is on
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the essential features of this label and in
close resemblance of the whole.

Hongkong, May 1, 1908.



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HOLDS THE WORLD'S RECORDS
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DODGE WOOD SPLIT PULLEYS,
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Price Very Cheap.

New Bicycles ('Humber') \$100 each
REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN.

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A HOUSEHOLD REMEDY FOR

All Functional Derangements of the Liver,
Temporary Congestion arising from Alco-
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or Drinking.) Biliousness, Sick Headache,
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choly, Vomiting, Heartburn, Sourness of
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Refreshing and Invigorating Beverage,
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Kidneys by Natural Means. Thus the blood is freed from poisons or other
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BERNARD SHAW ON GETTING MARRIED.

By their mental force and audacity
George Bernard Shaw has made himself
one of the most conspicuous figures in Eng-
land. Never by any chance does Mr. Shaw
do anything. He merely says things,
and, inevitably, they are important
things; but as he has about the most
sensible, wit or contemporary writer,
he is always sure of a hearing. Afterward
he is always denounced, to which he seems
indifferent. Apparently the only thing he
really cares about is that his ideas on things
in general shall be heard. If people do not
govern themselves accordingly, Mr. Shaw
laughs at them, and he doubts if they did
proceed to practice what he preaches he
would laugh still more.

THE NEW PLAY.

His latest play, "Getting Married,"
though it is generally pronounced to be
no play at all, has proved to his feet
nearly every "pundit" in England.
The piece is then annihilated—with the
result that more people than ever could
be expected, and come away bored and in-
dignant with Mr. Shaw. As its name
implies, "Getting Married" is an ex-
position of Shaw's ideas on the sub-
ject of matrimony, and represents that
gentleman in a philosophic mood. Sum-
ming up Shaw's theory is that while the
institution of matrimony is a colossal
sham and a lie, it is better than any-
thing else that Mr. Shaw, working his
theory, can devise. Therefore it should
be maintained, and efforts to undermine it
are only useful as "horrible examples."
The net result is that Mr. Shaw encour-
ages those shivering on the brink of
matrimony to take the plunge.

THE IMPROPER MARRIAGE.

The play treats of four types of the
unhappy marriage, or rather of the im-
perfect marriage. A green grocer is the
hero of one. His trouble is that his wife
is "what you might call a regular old hen."
Always wanting to have her children within
sight of her. She's a born wife and mother,
ma'am. That's why my children all run
away from her." She refused to understand
that married people should take hold-
days from one another, if they are to
keep at all fresh. Life with her is
monotonous. Another unsatisfactory union
is that of the grocer's brother, George,
whose wife is the antithesis of the "old
hen." She runs away frequently, much
to her husband's mortification, but comes
back again. In the course of her numerous
excursions she has acquired a useful col-
lection of facts concerning men and things.
Although her own husband shows no pride
on this account, the grocer admires her,
and often profits by her shrewd advice.
He and his brother would have been hap-
pier had each married the other's wife.

THE HUSBAND AN ENCUMBRANCE.

Then there is another lady, a strong,
minded, middle-aged woman of comfort-
able fortune and good looks, whose love
of independence causes her to per-
sistently decline the advances of a love-
suited general. She admits that she
would love to have a child, and mod-
estly intimates that it would pay the
country very well to pay her to have
children. "But the country tells me
that I can't have a child in the house
without a man in it too; so I tell the coun-
try it will have to do without my children."
Mr. Shaw evidently deeply sympathizes
with this character, and is of opinion that
there are hundreds of fine women kept out
of matrimony because they love their
independence. He also introduced a
charming lady who is the prevailing
prejudice against matrimony. She is
capable of deep love, but fails to focus it
on one man at a time. If matrimony
would only sanction her union to two men,
she would be quite happy.

AVOID BASE IMITATIONS.

The hero and heroine of the play upon
their wedding day the scene is laid be-
cause, frightened by the sleep they were
about to take. The bridegroom learned for
the first time that he would be held re-
sponsible for any libels published by his
wife, and she is afraid to discover that if
her husband should commit a crime she
cannot free herself from him. Then all
the characters in the play sit down to
draw up a model marriage contract and
partnership. Their dialogue is extempore
improvisation, but they make little progress.
Finally they conclude that matrimony is
more endurable than any substitute they
can invent, and the curtain falls with the
characters more contented with matrimony
than when it rose. Mr. Shaw's apostles
are justly impatient with him for pro-
voking every commonplace in his denounce-
ment, but as a matter of fact the playwright is
to be complimented for boldly stepping be-
yond the problem stage and declaring, in
effect, that although there are many
unhappy marriages, the institution itself is
worth preserving.

A FRESH CONSIGNMENT

OF
MILK MAID BRAND
MILK

GUARANTEED TO BE GOOD.

H. RUTTONJEE & SON,
Wine & Provision Merchants.
Hongkong, February 27, 1908.

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Leaving Macao on MONDAY at 7 A.M.

First Class \$1.50
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Fares \$1.00 each.
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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Goods and Effects,
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harmonic Society, at City Hall.Goods per *Arrol* undelivered after
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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The "Manila Times" has now gone in
for a weekly edition—giving the news of
the week. It is got up in an elaborate cover.At the Legislative Council this after-
noon, His Excellency said that he had
received a letter from the Consul General
at Canton acknowledging the receipt of the
cheque for \$30,000 towards the relief of
the sufferers in South China through the
recent floods.A magnificent new film entitled the
Bandits of Calabria is to be shown at the
Victoria Cinematograph for the first time
to-morrow evening. The colours of the
various scenes are faithfully reproduced,
and throughout the very lengthy picture,
every incident can be clearly and distinctly
seen. This film is very much superior
to anything that has been shown as yet at
the Victoria Cinematograph, although its
forerunners have all been very interesting
in their way.The annual report of the Netherlands
Trading Society says: The General
Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss account
to 31st December 1907 show that after
deducting current expenses and writing off
bad debts, and with the addition of the
balance brought forward from 1906, the
net profits amount to £4,141,247.84s
(£345,104), out of which, after providing
for the Statutory Reserve to the extent of
£374,510 (£31,209), a dividend of 8 per
cent, has been declared.Lord Newton has written an article
on our present military situation, entitled
"The Great Haldane Imposture," for the
July number of the *National Review*.Lord Roberts is writing a preface to
the volume, "A Territorial Army in Being,"
which Mr. John Murray hopes to publish
in the autumn. This book is described as
"a practical study of the militia systems of
Switzerland and Norway," and the authors
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somehow has been justified but war has
now become a science and if we con-
tinue to adhere to our happy-go-lucky
policy we will in all likelihood receive
a sudden notification that our trust
has been resting on a rotten reed.
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council which was held this afternoon.

There were also present:—

Hon. Mr. F. H. May (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. L. A. M. Johnston (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Registrar General).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

Hon. Mr. W. Y. C. M. C.

Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart.

Mr. C. L. M. (Clerk of Council).

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., drew attention to the fact that in the notice of the order of the day there was no reference to the extra financial minutes which were placed before that afternoon. He noticed that No. 36 had been struck out and the figure "40" had been substituted. One of the minutes was for the large sum of \$186,500 for public works extraordinary, and he did not think that they should be suddenly called upon to vote upon such a large sum at a moment's notice.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary thought that the Hon. Member was under a misapprehension as it was not intended that they should vote on it as it was only to be referred to the Finance Committee, when the Hon. Member and all Hon. Members would have an opportunity of discussing it. He regretted that the extra minutes had not been forwarded in the orders of the day, and the reason why the vote was hurried forward was that Hon. Members should have some information as to the liabilities to be incurred, as early as possible.

His Excellency said that no doubt the information given by the Hon. Colonial Secretary would be acceptable to the Hon. Member inquiring. Any questions or information Hon. Members desired would be answered and given in the Committee.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock accepted this explanation.

EVIDENCE ORDINANCE.

The Hon. Attorney General proposed the first reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Evidence (Colonial Statutes) Ordinance 1906."

It was read and passed.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., asked with reference to the statement in paragraph 5 of the Despatch of the Officer Administering the Government to the Secretary of State, dated 24th June 1907, to the effect that "the great majority of the contributors, and all the officers, except the Chairman, were opposed to the transfer of the Fund, have given notice to the Government of any alteration of their views on the subject."

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said that there were 610 subscribers and they had been asked to express their views and the returns were in the most exact complete. Some 400 had either expressed approval or had no objection to the transfer. Only 37 had objected, and of these there was a majority of 21 in favour of the Government's proposal.

Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart said that after hearing (thousands) to the Hon. Mr. Pollock's question there was no necessity to ask the question standing in his name.

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The Hon. Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart said that they had listened to an instructive address upon the correspondence which had been laid upon the table a few weeks ago, and which contained all the facts to which their attention had been drawn by the Hon. Colonial Secretary. In order to give a full and complete reference was made to the fact that the contributors to the fund had not had a favourable start and they looked forward confidently to an increase of pensions. Now, they had heard for the first time that a majority were in favour of the proposal, who, a year ago, to his certain knowledge very much less than a year ago, regarded it as inequitable. There were grounds why that measure may be reasonably opposed or rather its postponement might be advocated. Lord Elgin in his letter of January 1907 stated that it was desirable that contributors should not feel that they had a grievance; he would add, not even a minority of the contributors.

Hon. Mr. Pollock supported the proposition. Although the minority appeared to be very small the objection should be given great attention to, and he suggested that the majority should not have forced upon them the disposal of funds to which they had contributed under other and different conditions when they began to contribute to the fund.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that when the Secretary of State had asked him about the question of transfer and said that it would be considered and if necessary, he would be asked to transfer the fund to a man had opposed the proposal and he had found that his advice had been extremely sound, when he suggested that the fund should be transferred to the Government. He had listened with the result that after a year's consideration and contributions had been made to inform themselves of the conditions under such a transfer, they had come round to his view.

Contributors had at first said they could get better terms from a commercial house, but it had been found that there was an error of about 40 per cent, and when the contributors had realized that they had gone over to the Government's proposal, the fund would be on a sound basis.

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His Excellency declared the motion carried and the bill was read a second time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held under the presidency of the

Hon. Colonial Secretary, when the following votes were considered and passed.

MAINTENANCE OF LIGHTHOUSES, ETC.

A sum of \$4,870 in aid of the vote public works, recurrent, maintenance of lighthouses.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

A sum of \$300 in aid of the vote, Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature, charges, incidental expenses.

QUARANTINE STATION.

A sum of \$8,500 in aid of the vote, public works extraordinary, Quarantine Station.

BUILDINGS ORDINANCE COMPENSATION.

A sum of \$19,000 in aid of the vote, public works, extraordinary, public health and Buildings Ordinance, 1905, compensation.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

A sum of \$2,000 in aid of the vote, Botanical and Forestry Department, other charges, Forestry in New Territories.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS.

A sum of \$600 in aid of the vote, Medical Departments, B. Hospital and Asylums, Infectious Hospitals, Hospital Huk Hygiea, for the following items:—

Personal Emoluments, Temporary Staff, \$200; Other Charges, Provisions, &c., \$400; Total, \$600.

STATION REFUGE.

A sum of \$188,500 in aid of the vote, public works extraordinary, Mongkokskai Breakwater—Typhoon Refuge for Small Craft.

STAFF QUARTERS.

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G. Richards, \$5; G. dos Garais, \$5; P. E. Milne, \$10; Dr. Dupuy, \$5; C. Fravieux, \$5; L. Martel, \$5; J. Sales, \$3; J. Knott, \$5; R. Baudet, \$2; M. Fleury, \$5; W. Imhoff, \$5; J. L. Albert, \$5; M. Dumoulin, \$5; E. Maney, \$2; E. Buisia, \$2; and A. L. Demoe, \$2. Total \$14,762.40.

Letters to the Government.

Correspondence relating to the West River floods was laid upon the table at the Legislative Council this afternoon. The first letter was from H.B.M. Consulate-General, at Canton, and was in reply to His Excellency's despatch of June 28, stating that he was not at present in a position to afford any authoritative information concerning the floods and consequent famine in the valleys of the West and North Rivers.

The Governor-General, to whom he had applied for particulars of the areas inundated, the number of people rendered destitute by the floods and the extent of the damage done to the crops, had not as yet sent any reply. Reports had been called for from the local officials in the districts affected.

At a recent meeting of British and American missionaries in Canton a committee was formed who had made arrangements to send three parties, consisting of one foreign missionary and several native pastors, up the West, North and East Rivers respectively, with instructions to investigate the conditions prevailing in those districts. The Consul General had been promised a copy of their report, which was expected in about three weeks' time.

He had requested His Majesty's Consul at Wuchow to furnish him with a report on the state of affairs in the West River valley above Wuchow, and he would not fail to transmit to His Excellency all the information he was able to obtain from the above-mentioned sources.

H.B.M. Consulate-General, also enclosed, for His Excellency's perusal, a copy of a letter received from Tactai Wen Tsung Yen, Secretary to the Governor-General, together with a list in Chinese of the flooded districts in the West and North River Valleys.

The letter was as follows:—Canton, 2nd July, 1908. Your Excellency's letter of the 29th ult. was received by me on the 30th ultimo, I send you herewith a list of the flooded districts in the West and North River Valleys, as reported to the Consul General by the local magistrates and the Deputies sent out by His Excellency to investigate the condition of the flooded districts.

All the crops in these districts have been completely destroyed and about a million people are in a destitute condition which will last until the next crop comes round again about four months from now.

The Canton Government has sent a deputy with money and provisions to each of the flooded districts to co-operate with the local magistrates to give the sufferers as much relief as possible.

The Charitable Institutions are also very busy with their relief work. They have sent agents with provisions to all the flooded districts.

Yours sincerely, (Signed) WEN TSUNG YAO.

His Honour, Consul-General Fox.

The Consul General at Canton also forwarded a copy of the letter from H.B.M. Consulate, at Wuchow, dated July 2, 1908, which was as follows:—Sir, In reply to your telegram of yesterday's date I have the honour to inform you that I do not consider it likely that there will be a famine or even any great scarcity in this Province, except in the event of the failure of the autumn rice crop. The export of rice, which was the principal cause of the local famine nine years ago, is prohibited and in view of the damage which the crops of the Province have suffered there is no probability of this prohibition being removed, though the Canton Viceroy has telegraphed asking that this should be done.

In the neighbourhood of Wuchow and all the way up the River great damage has been done to some eight-tenths of the rice has been ruined and the harvest is ensuing. In many other parts, however, the damage suffered seems to have been small; for instance at Nanning at the height of the flood the fields were still some 20 to 30 feet above the water. The crops in that region do not appear to have suffered at all.

The whole city of Wuchow was under water, but except in a few cases the houses have not suffered. Considerable quantities of rice goods and other merchandise have been ruined, but the principal damage has been suffered by the pigs and junks in the river. Two big pigs were sunk and a number of cargo boats upped loaded with sugar, also flower boats and sampans. I should think the total number of lives lost must be somewhere between twelve and twenty. It was first reported that a considerable part of the city of Kowloon had been carried away, but this was exaggerated. I understand, however, from a Catholic missionary of that city that there are suburbs and villages in the neighbourhood which must have suffered severely.

I have &c. (Signed) H. J. HARRISON.

LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING.

An Exciting Contest.

London, June 28.

J. A. Jarvis (England) won the long-distance swimming race from Richmond to Blackfriars.

F. Beaupre (Victoria) collapsed from exhaustion at Hammering Bridge, in the midst of an exciting struggle with Jarvis, but one and then the other leading.

Boatmen dived with their clothes on, and rescued Beaupre, who eventually recovered.

[F. Beaupre is the Australian champion over 400 yds, 500 yds, and one mile, and has been successful in the purpose of representing Victoria in the Olympic Games. Last year the race was won by J. A. Jarvis.]

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

CARRY bottled Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy in your hand luggage when travelling. It cannot be obtained on board the train or steamship. You will then be protected against all attacks of colic, cholera, or diarrhoea, and you will be able to give relief to all who are afflicted by these troubles.

LIGHTERS AND CARGO BOATS.

Question Of Licence Fees.

The following letter from Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., was read at the last meeting of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 27th May 1908.

Dear Sir,—On the 30th ultimo a joint letter was addressed to the Colonial Secretary by the owners of foreign lighters protesting against the recent increase of licence fees.

A reply has been received from the Colonial Secretary which in the opinion of the Signatories to the protest is not considered satisfactory and it has been agreed that the matter should be laid before your Committee with a view of soliciting their assistance in this connection.

For reasons expressed in the correspondence, copies of which are enclosed, it is considered that this matter is of sufficient importance; we trust therefore that your Committee will afford us all possible assistance.—We are, &c.,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

To the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1908.

Sir,—With reference to the recent heavy increase in the licence fees for cargo boats and lighters, notified in the Government Gazette of the 26th ultimo, we the undersigned owners of private lighters beg to say, for reasons hereinafter expressed, that the decision of the Government to double the fee already levied on such craft be reconsidered.

We venture to say that it is not equitable, even though it were done previously, to place private craft (acquired for the sole purpose of carrying on our respective businesses, and which under no circumstances ply for hire) on the same footing as Chinese owned boats, the daily hire of which is regulated by Government Tariffs.

In one case the usefulness and earning power of the lighters is limited to the requirements of our trade, whereas in the case of the Chinese owned boats, the return is governed by the energy and resourcefulness of the licensee. It is, we think, generally admitted that Native Cargo Boats, paid for to a large extent by the Government, have since the year 1900 demanded altogether unreasonable terms, thus greatly enhancing their earnings. The position of many foreign-owned lighters is entirely different; after the cessation of the season, several European firms, owing to the scarcity of private craft, were forced to purchase at excessive prices, lighters from other ports. It is perhaps unnecessary to add that the benefits resulting from the prompt acquisition of such craft were by no means confined to the respective owners of same, inasmuch as the lighters provided at the time of scarcity a means of carrying on business of vital importance to the Colony generally, i.e. the delivery and shipment of cargo.

Now that matters in connection with the handling of goods have assumed a normal state, the lighters which during the season were hired by ourselves and our owners and merchants alike, have now become a source of heavy expense to their owners, and any increase to such is viewed with misgiving. Having now laid the position clearly before you, we trust that the Government will take the responsibility of our contention, that the increase of licence fees for lighters should be confined to the requirements of the season, and we would ask that the ordinance be amended so that the increase be, &c., Your obedient servants,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

ROBERTSON & SWIRE,

F. J. ARNOLD, Super P. & O. S.N. Co.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

To the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong 20th May, 1908.

Gentlemen,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter dated the 17th inst. in which you request that certain other shipping firms asking that decision of the Government to increase the Licence Fees for Lighters that do not ply for hire, may be reconsidered.

In reply, I am to inform you that in the past no distinction has been made in the matter of Licence fees between cargo boats that ply for hire and lighters that do not; that the new imposed are not considered excessive and that the Government cannot see its way to reduce them, &c., &c.

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

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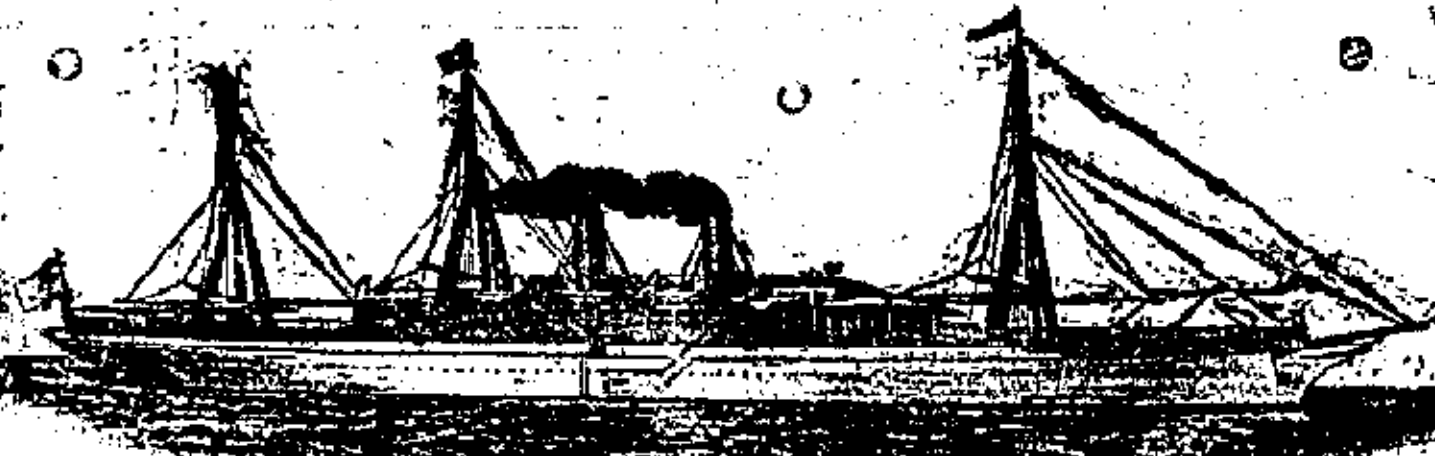
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MANILA, NEW GUINEA, S.A.M. & I. BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	PRINZ SIGISMUND	THURSDAY, 30th Aug., at 6 p.m.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBÉ	PRINZ SIGISMUND	FRIDAY, 24th July, at 6 p.m.
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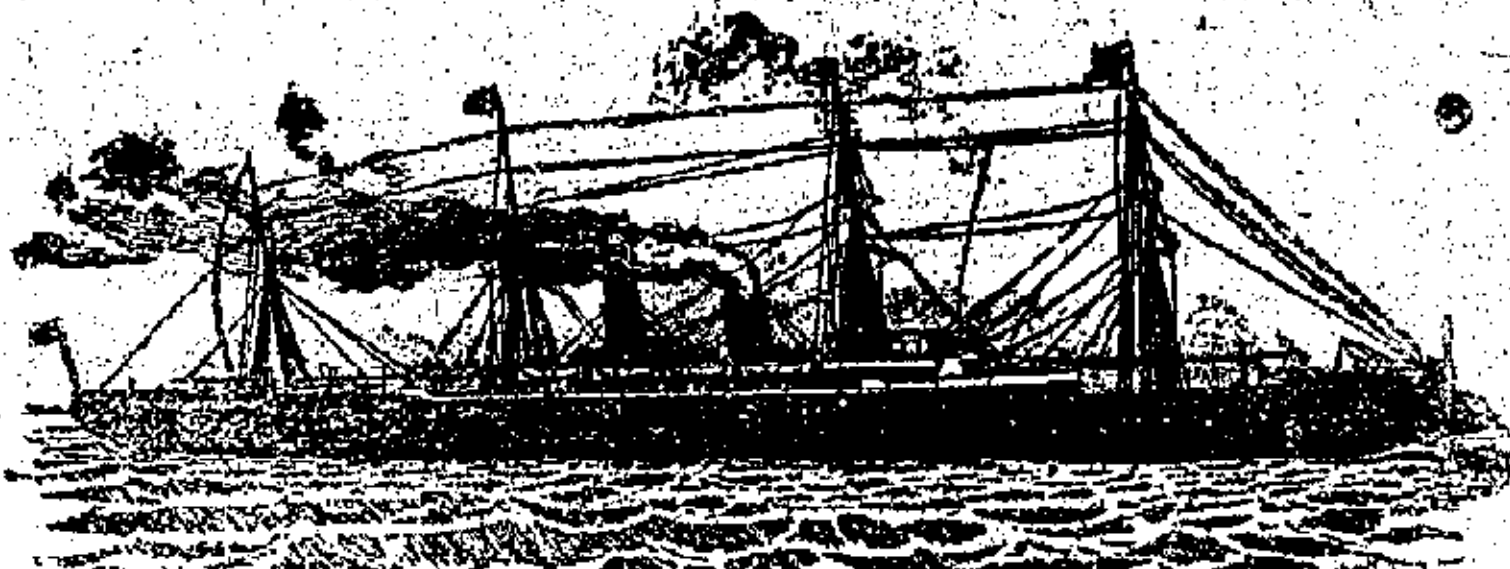
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NUMANTIA	4371	H. F. FARMANN	29th July, at Noon

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HAIPOW & HAIPOW	HUZE	July 28, Daylight
MANILA & ILOILO	TAI	July 28, at 4 p.m.
TSINGTAO & NEWCASTLE	TAI	July 28, at 4 p.m.
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MARMORA	Aug. 9	HIMALAYA	Sept. 6	Sept. 13
DELTA	Aug. 22	MACEDONIA	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
DELTA	Sept. 5	MONGOLIA	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
DEVANHA	Sept. 19	INDIA	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
DEVANHA	Oct. 3	VICTORIA	Nov. 1	Nov. 8
DEVANHA	Oct. 17	BRITANNIA	Nov. 15	Nov. 22
DEVANHA	Oct. 31	MOULTAN	Nov. 29	Dec. 6
DEVANHA	Nov. 14	CHINA	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
DEVANHA	Nov. 28	MOLDAVIA	Dec. 27	Jan. 3
DELTA	Dec. 12	HIMALAYA	Jan. 10	Jan. 17

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* SYRIA	Aug. 13	Sept. 27
* WYAND	Aug. 20	Oct. 4
* NOBE	Aug. 27	Oct. 11
* SUMATRA	Sept. 3	Oct. 18
* SOMALI	Sept. 10	Oct. 25
* BORNIO	Sept. 17	Nov. 1
* NILE	Sept. 24	Nov. 8

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MARSEILLES, Via Ports, TOURANE, SHANGHAI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA	TOURANE	LANCENIN, Aug. 4, at 1 p.m.	
MARSEILLES, Via Ports, AUSTRALIEN, Marseilles, Via Ports, ARMAND BEHIC, GUYONNET, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m.	AUSTRALIEN	VERBON, Aug. 17, p.m.	

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Saturday, July 25, at Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	Aug. 1, at Noon.

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FOR NEW YORK, via PORTS AND
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(With Liberty to call at the
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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
MONROSE	1100	Aug. 1, 1908.		

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Hongkong, July 14, 1908.

Notices to Consignees.

MOUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP BEROLO.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 27th August, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODD & CO., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, July 20, 1908. 1031

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER ARMAND BEHIC.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON

via the *Armand Behic* and *Duroy* from BOSTON via the *Ville de Metz* in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Valuable articles, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after MONDAY, the 27th July, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 27th July, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 27th July, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. P. NALIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, July 20, 1908. 1032

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Loring*

having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by air are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 23rd inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 21, 1908. 1033

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENLEUCH.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 28th July, or they will not be recognized.

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A HINDU SAINT.

The Obedient Indian.

A strange story is reported from Ahmedabad, which is, however, characteristic of the people, and shows a flood of light in their almost primitive and child-like faith in the supernatural which it reveals. It may be said of the people of this country that anything out of the usual course of nature stands a better chance of belief than ordinary natural phenomena, even the latter they are sometimes ready to attribute to preternatural causes, and believe because they cannot understand. They really believe a thing because it is impossible in a natural way; nay, the more a thing is held to be impossible, the more willing are they to believe it. We all remember what a sensation was caused among the people of this city by the discovery of a Hindu girl who had been found without food or drink for several weeks. Her fame spread far and wide, and some Hindus began to worship her as an incarnation of the deity who manifested itself by this miraculous power of defying the natural law that ordains meat and drink for sustaining human life. To doubt this was held to be blasphemy by the poor credulous folk. Even some Hindu doctors and graduates of our University seemed disposed to believe this simple story; which was found on a plain test to be nothing of course, but imposture. The story which comes just now from the neighbourhood of Ahmedabad, the capital of Gujarat, is of similar sort, with a variation, of course, and open to an even easier test. A Hindu saint has arisen there who professes to feed thousands of people out of his own little plate of food. He is said to have only recently invited from various villages thousands of persons to a fair and there fed them with sweetmeats out of this miraculous dish of his. Christians would be naturally repelled of the miracle, but the great Founder of their religion according to which He fed four thousand men with only seven loaves of bread and a few fishes, and they would think that the present story is but a cheap imitation of the great miracle which He performed in the flesh. The story, however, is of a different kind. It is too much to expect from the Hindu saint in Gujarat that he should be acquainted with the life and the death of the founder of an alien religion. He had an exemplar nearer home which appeals with force to his co-religionists because it is well-known to them. This is Narsinh Mehta, a Hindu saint, who is widely popular in the Kathiawar province of Gujarat, who flourished in the fifteenth century. The god Krishna was Narsinh's favourite deity, and through this god he worked a miracle which is remembered to the present day far and wide by the people of Gujarat, who have songs about him which they sing on festive occasions. Narsinh did not feed thousands out of his dish; but he did something similar. He had a daughter, and according to Hindu custom on her first pregnancy he had to send rich presents of clothes and money to his son-in-law's relatives. His neighbours taunted him with being unable to do this on account of his poor circumstances; whereupon he prayed to Krishna, who appeared as a Banya and distributed rich gifts of clothes and money to all the assembled relatives of Narsinh's daughter. The present story is a variation of this fact of Narsinh Mehta, who is widely popular in Ahmedabad and the whole of Gujarat. Such stories crop up every now and then in Gujarat, and it is nothing unusual to hear of pretended miracles laid out for the people to see. There must be a demand for such stories in the credulity of the people, otherwise the supply would not be so continuous. The fact that people widely believe in such stories shows how much they are in need of such a faith in their leaders to educate them out of this medieval state of mind. Nothing proves the great need of primary education and elementary enlightenment for the people more than such stories and others even worse, cropping up periodically showing the abysmal ignorance into which the masses are sunk. — *Bombay Gazette.*

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HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

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Butcher Meat.

Beef steaks and prime cut—Malaya Pa. ... 18

Corned—Hain Ngan Yek ... 18

Roast—Shiu ... 18

Roast—Naga Lam ... 13

Soup—Tong Yek ... 16

Steak—Naga Yek Pa ... 18

Canton Naga Lam Steaks ... 28

Sausages—Naga Chang ... 24

Hullook's Brains ... 10

Tongue—Naga ... 68

Corned—Hain Ngan Yek ... 68

Head—Naga Yek ... 60

Heart—Naga Yek ... 12

Lump—Naga Yek ... 18

Feet—Naga Yek ... 10

Kidneys—Naga Yek ... 10

Tail—Naga Yek ... 17

Liver—Naga Yek ... 12

Tripe (pressed)—Naga Yek ... 7

Calves Head and Feet—Naga Yek ... 1.00

Mutton Chop—Young Fat Kwa ... 12

Leg—Young Fat ... 22

Shoulder—Young Fat ... 20

Pork Chikings—Chi chong ... 24

Beef—Chi Kwa ... 18

Feet—Chi Kwa ... 12

Fry—Chi Chak ... 10

Head—Chi Chak ... 12

Heart—Chi Sum ... 8

Kidneys—Chi Tin ... 8

Liver—Chi Chon ... 12

Pork Chop—Chi Fat Kwa ... 23

Corned—Hain Ngan Yek ... 23

Leg—Chi Fat ... 23

Fat or Lard—Chi Yek ... 18

Shoep's Head and Feet—Young Fat Kwa ... 6

Heart—Young Fat ... 6

Kidneys—Young Fat ... 10

Liver—Young Fat ... 12

Sucking Pig—To Order—Chi Chak ... 42

Suet, Beef—Sung Naga Yek ... 30

Mutton—Sung Naga Yek ... 24

Veal—Naga Yek ... 20

Sausages—Naga Yek ... 20

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai ... 30

Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai ... 30

Ducks—Ay ... 28

Doves—Pai Kau ... 24

Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai ... 24

Fowls, Canton—Kai ... 30

Eggs, Canton—Kai ... 30

Geese—Nga ... 18

Geese, Wild—Kai ... 18

Musk Deer—Wong Kiao ... 18

Hare, Shanghai—To Chai ... 18

Partridge—Chi Kau ... 18

Pheasant—Shan Kai ... 18

Higsons, Canton—Pak Kup ... 16

Hollow—Hoi Hoi Pak Kup ... 16

Quail—Um Chuan ... 16

Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheak ... 16

Snipe—Sa Choy ... 16

Turkeys Cook—Flor Kai Kung ... 16

Hen ... 16

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Wild Ducks Canton—Sung Kai ... 1

